

**MINUTES OF THE COMMON COUNCIL  
WORK SESSION  
April 17, 2012  
City Council Chambers – Rouss City Hall**

**PRESENT:** President Jeff Buettner; Mayor Elizabeth Minor; Vice-President John Willingham; Vice-Mayor Milt McInturff; Councilors Evan Clark, John Hill, John Tagnesi, Les Veach and Ben Weber (9)  
**ABSENT:** None (0)

Vice-President Willingham called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**Items for Discussion:**

**FY2013 Budget Proposal – Mary Blowe**

Interim City Manager Craig Gerhart presented a summary of the different city funds, the base budget increase/decrease, and the recommendation for tax increase levels to support Council's goals. He also presented a tax rate history and stated the City is 10 cents behind where it should be for the various projects.

*Councilor Tagnesi arrived at 6:14pm*

Craig Gerhart said explained the differences in the 6 and 9 cent increases. He also reviewed the recurring funding items, one-time items, CIP projects and fund balance, and the emergency communications equipment.

*Councilor Weber arrived at 6:17pm*

Finance Director Mary Blowe and Assistant Finance Director Celeste Broadstreet presented a summary on the recommendations for the two health insurance policies to be offered to employees, the 5% salary increase for the 5% VRS increase to be paid by plan 1 employees, the IT Strategic Plan, a new Equipment Replacement Plan, CDBG Administration, and the funding for the Emergency Communications System; and the funding for the outside agencies.

*President Buettner arrived at 6:30*

**O-2012-13: AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND AND RE-ADOPT SPECIFIED PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 31 OF THE WINCHESTER CITY CODE RELATED TO VEHICLES FOR HIRE (TAXICABS)**

City Attorney Anthony Williams presented the citizen initiated ordinance to amend Chapter 31 on taxicabs.

Councilor Tagnesi moved to deny O-2012-13. The motion was seconded by Councilor Veach.

President Buettner suggested the item was worth sending back to staff and moved to table O-2012-13. *The motion was seconded by Mayor Minor then unanimously approved.*

**R-2012-28:** Resolution – Authorization for the use of a Collection Agency to collect delinquent personal property taxes per State Code 58.1-3919.1

Treasurer Mark Garber presented the request to be allowed to use a collection agency on delinquent accounts of those citizens who have moved out of state.

Councilor Veach moved to forward R-2012-28 to Council. *The motion was seconded by Mayor Minor then unanimously approved.*

President Buettner moved to temporarily adjourn the work session for the Special meeting at 6:50 p.m. *The motion was seconded by Mayor Minor then unanimously approved.*

President Buettner reconvened the work session at 7:24 p.m.

**Executive Session:** MOTION TO CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO §2.2-3711(A)(3) AND (6) FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OR CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBJECT OF the ACQUISITION OF AN INTEREST IN REAL PROPERTY FOR A PUBLIC PURPOSE AND FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISCUSSION OF THE SUBJECT OF INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS WHERE BARGAINING IS INVOLVED, AND WHERE IF MADE PUBLIC, THE BARGAINING POSITION OR FINANCIAL INTEREST OF THE CITY WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

Vice-President Willingham moved to convene into executive session at 7:24 p.m. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Veach then unanimously approved.*

Vice-President Willingham moved to reconvene in open session at 8:08 p.m. *The motion was seconded by Councilor Clark then unanimously approved.*

Upon returning, each member certified that only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were discussed during the closed meeting, and that only those public business matters identified in the motion which convened the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered during the closed meeting.

*A roll call vote was taken, the ayes and nays being recorded as shown below:*

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
President Buettner	Aye
Councilor Clark	Aye
Councilor Hill	Aye
Vice-Mayor McInturff	Aye
Mayor Minor	Aye

Councilor Tagnesi	Aye
Councilor Veach	Aye
Councilor Weber	Aye
Vice-President Willingham	Aye

### **Report of Liaisons**

### **Submitted Written Reports**

Fire & Rescue Department  
Police Department  
Financial Report

### **Adjourn**

Councilor Clark moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 p.m. The motion was seconded by Councilor Veach then unanimously approved.